

Milwaukee County

Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, 4th District Supervisor Chris Larson, 14th District

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BAY VIEW TOWN HALL MEETING ON HOAN BRIDGE

Residents will make a case for saving the Hoan Bridge on September 21st

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Chris Larson are hosting a Town Hall meeting to discuss the future of Milwaukee's Hoan Bridge. The meeting is the latest in a series of events intended to gather community input in light of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (DOT) apparent desire to replace this vital transportation link with a street-level lift bridge and roundabouts.

Who: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic

Supervisor Chris Larson

What: Town Hall meeting on Hoan Bridge

When: Monday, September 21, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

Where: South Shore Park Pavilion

2900 S. Shore Drive, Milwaukee, WI

"Not only are the DOT's figures to maintain the bridge overstated, it just doesn't make sense to remove this important nonstop link between downtown and the south shore," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "Many of my neighbors are outraged that the State is looking to tear this bridge down. These residents have voices that will be heard at this town hall meeting."

"A high-level bridge like the Hoan accommodates freighters of all sizes, making the Port of Milwaukee one of the most accessible ports on the Great Lakes," Supervisor Larson said. "We should not underestimate how attractive this is for manufacturers to do business in Milwaukee County."

Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Larson both represent Bay View neighborhoods and initiated the "Coalition to Save the Hoan" in conjunction with Supervisor Patricia Jursik and State Representative Christine Sinicki. The Coalition now includes more than three-dozen elected officials and 2,000 residents. Those concerned about the future of the Hoan can <u>click here</u> to download a petition to save the structure.